WEEKLY REPORT

For the
Cabinet and Supplemental Report
Region 3
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of March 26-30, 2012

Potential or Expected Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions:

April 2 - Validated results of EPA's sampling of home wells in Dimock, Pennsylvania, will continue to be shared with the next group of affected homeowners. Media coverage was heavy after the data release of the first eleven homes sampled, and is expected to continue as data for the next group of homes will be shared. We expect reporters' inquiries will continue to come into both the regional office and Headquarters regarding EPA's sampling results.

April 2 - The Federal Leadership Committee for the Chesapeake Bay will issue the FY 2011 Progress Report and FY 2012 Action Plan on Friday on March 30. Media inquiries are expected to continue into the early part of next week.

April 2 - The final Phase II Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) are due from the Bay jurisdictions by March 30. Media coverage is anticipated as reporters contact the Region sometime next week to follow up on the submissions.

April 2 – The Region expects to continue receiving media inquiries regarding the closing of three refineries in Pennsylvania. Media inquiries to date have focused on what will happen with the cleanups that were underway.

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel/public meetings/speaking engagements for the Assistant Administrators, or Regional Administrators

April 2 - Region 3 Regional Administrator Shawn Garvin will be accompanying EPA Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe on his visit to the Region 3 Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO) in Annapolis, MD. Mr. Perciasepe and Mr. Garvin will be meeting with CBPO staff to discuss recently submitted state plans for Bay restoration (State Phase II Watershed Implementation Plans).

Other Information

None

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